



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

A regular meeting of the Postsecondary Education Commission was held at 3 Barrell Court, Concord, New Hampshire at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2009. The following members were present:

Helen Giles-Gee, Chair
Father Jonathan DeFelice, Vice Chair
Stephen Appleby
Virginia Barry
Mary Clouter
John Curran
William Farrell
Jim Fitzgerald
Mary Ellen Fleeger
Thomas Galligan
Richard Gustafson
Mark Huddleston
John Hutson
Edward MacKay
David Mahoney
Eli Rivera
Sara Jayne Steen
Gregory Wallace

The following persons also attended: James Craiglow, President Emeritus/Chancellor Emeritus, Antioch University New England; Nadine Dowling, Interim President, Daniel Webster College; Thomas Horgan, President and CEO, NH College & University Council; James Kennedy, Esq., Legal Counsel, NH Department of Justice; Senator Lou D'Allesandro and Michael King, Counsel, representing Hellenic American University; Peter Koch, Executive Director, NH Council for Professional Education; Martha Parker, University of New Hampshire Intern; Kathryn Dodge, Executive Director, Patricia Edes, Assistant to the Executive Director and Patricia Moquin, Office Assistant; Judith Knapp, Administrator, Financial Aid/Research and Studies; Lynn West, Administrator and Kimberly Kenneally, Program Assistant, Career School Licensing; Larry Elbroch, Administrator and Clifton Burdette, Associate, Veterans State Approvals; Ingrid Lemaire, Coordinator, College Access Challenge Grant; Catherine Yeager, Transcriptionist

- 1) Chair Giles-Gee called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and asked those present to introduce themselves.

- 2) On the motion of Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Huddleston, the members accepted the minutes of May 14, 2009. The motion passed without dissent.
- 3) Ms. West presented the 2009-2010 *Licensing Fees and Student Tuition Guaranty Fund Fees Set by the Commission on an Annual Basis*. Mr. Mahoney moved, seconded by Vice Chair DeFelice, to accept the fees as presented.
- 4) Executive Director Dodge presented an update on Lebanon College activity. Lebanon College's current approval is contingent upon its continued good standing with the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) and the Joint Review Committee on Education and Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). At the September 11, 2008 meeting, the Commission granted Lebanon College approval to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) with specific conditions and a timeline. At the March 12, 2009 meeting, the Commission voted to withdraw approval for Lebanon College to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) as it did not meet the initial condition. At the March 26, 2009 hearing, the Commission voted to deny Lebanon College's motion for a rehearing.

On August 18, 2009, Chair Helen Giles-Gee received a communication from President L. Donald Wenz requesting a vote by the Commission at the September 3, 2009 meeting to re-authorize Lebanon College to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing without assurance it had hired at least one full-time nurse who had curriculum development experience at the baccalaureate level and had at least a Masters in Nursing. Chair Giles-Gee informed President Wenz that no action would be taken.

- 5) Executive Director Dodge presented an update on Daniel Webster College's acquisition by ITT Educational Services, Inc. (ITT). Staff and leadership changes occurred, with President Myers replaced by Nadine Dowling as interim president. The Commission would continue to receive correspondence to/from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and be invited to attend meetings to reduce duplication of effort. Nadine Dowling was introduced and said that she welcomed any phone calls from Commissioners.
- 6) Executive Director Dodge presented a request from Gallaudet University to continue to operate in New Hampshire and to offer the for-credit graduate extension course, "Sharing Books Using ASL and Deaf Cultural Literacy Practices: Preschool-Grade 8." On the motion of Mr. Huddleston, seconded by Ms. Steen, the Commission voted not to hold a periodic re-evaluation visit as activity was limited, and to extend current approval for the for-credit graduate extension course. Also, to extend approval to operate in the State of New Hampshire and offer graduate extension courses until June 30, 2011. This was with the agreement that there would be no conflicts with the University of New Hampshire – Manchester.

On the motion of Mr. Huddleston, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, the Commission amended the motion to also recommend that Gallaudet University and the University of New Hampshire – Manchester consider the formation of a formal partnership that meets Commission standards.

- 7) Mr. Craiglow presented a request from the Hellenic American University to offer a Master of Arts in Conference Interpreting. Paula Menyuk, Professor Emerita, Developmental Psycholinguistics from Boston University, and previously on the evaluation team, also reviewed the request. This degree is a natural extension strand of the core around language translation/ interpretation programs and degrees already approved and in place. This is not a major new degree or a substantive change. Vice Chair DeFelice moved, seconded by Mr. Rivera, to approve Hellenic American University to offer the Master of Arts in Conference Interpreting through June 30, 2013 with annual reports due beginning December 31, 2009. This would align with the Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics with concentrations in Discourse in English Language Teaching, Testing, or Translation/Interpreting. The motion passed with Mr. Gustafson abstaining.
- 8) Ms. Knapp presented an update on what was previously reported at the May 14, 2009 Commission meeting on the Commission budget that included an additional \$25,000 reduction for each year of the biennium. In order to meet this request, monies were taken from the New Hampshire Incentive Program and excess monies initially budgeted for the New England Board of Higher Education dues.

Questions were raised as to what impact any future budget reductions might have on financial aid and programs. Chair Giles-Gee tabled this topic until the Financial Aid Task Force presented its findings.

- 9) Mr. Gustafson moved, seconded by Mr. Appleby, to approve initial language for the following N.H. Code of Administrative Rules:
- a. Pos 1500, Program for Tuition Repayment for CART Providers and Sign Language Interpreters
 - b. Pos 1600, Program for Tuition Repayment for Large Animal Veterinarians
 - c. Pos 1700, Scholarship for Orphans of Police and Firefighters

The motion passed without dissent.

- 10) Vice Chair DeFelice moved, seconded by Ms. Fleeger, to appoint Judith Knapp as the Commission representative on the newly established Task Force to Study Access to Dental Care. The motion passed without dissent.
- 11) Mr. Kennedy presented an overview of RSA 91-A – New Hampshire’s Right to Know Law. The Commission is a public body and, therefore, subject to this law. Openness in the conduct of public business is essential to a democratic society and, therefore, meetings are open and available to the public. There were multiple questions dealing with the interpretation of a quorum and Mr. Kennedy agreed to provide clarification via an e-mail communication. He also encouraged Commissioners to contact him with any questions.

12) Executive Director Dodge presented highlights of the Executive Director Report. These included:

- a. The Governor's P-16 Working Group's overarching goal was established, "communicate and collaborate to raise aspirations, improve educational effectiveness and increase student success at all levels." There are two active committees, one on data and the other on assessment. Both expect to benefit from federal grants. Five indicators are being refined to measure success.

For the record, Vice Chair DeFelice requested that if, as part of the work, the Commission endorsed the Individual Student Identifier, he would like independent colleges and universities to have an opportunity to register an objection.

- b. Reminder that *Recent Research Studies and Articles* was included.

13) On the motion of Mr. Huddleston, seconded by Ms. Steen, and by unanimous agreement, Commission members went into a Non-Public Session, under RSA 91-A:3, II (e), for the purpose of discussing the Position Questionnaire of the executive director and reorganization of the Commission staff. For the record, Mr. Kennedy stated that a quorum was present. Ms. Fleeger recorded minutes. Mr. Gustafson moved, seconded by Mr. Farrell, to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. The motion passed without dissent.

The Commission returned to regular session. Mr. Huddleston moved, seconded by Mr. Galligan, to forward the Position Questionnaire to the HayGroup.

14) Under Other Business:

- a. Executive Director Dodge presented a request from Lesley University. Lesley University has approval to offer the M.Ed. in Technology and the M.Ed. in Special Education, but sites must be approved by the executive director. A new employee began the programs at Concord High School and Exeter High School, not knowing administrative approval was required. Mr. Rivera moved, seconded by Mr. Curran, to grant conditional approval to Lesley University to offer approved degrees at two additional sites, with the stipulation that Mr. Mahoney visit the sites within the next 10 days. An update would be provided at the December 10, 2009 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.